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DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

24 CFR Part 990

[Docket No. FR-4425-N-08]

Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation; Meeting

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing, HUD.

ACTION: Negotiated Rulemaking Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: This document announces a meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation. These meetings are sponsored by HUD for the purpose of discussing and negotiating a proposed rule that would change the current method of determining the payment of operating subsidies to public housing agencies (PHAs).

DATES: The committee meeting will be held on January 25 and January 26, 2000. On January 25, 2000, the meeting will begin at approximately 9:30 am and end at approximately 5:30 pm. On January 26, 2000, the meeting will begin at approximately 9 am and end at approximately 4 pm.

ADDRESSES: The committee meeting will take place at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel, 2300 Dulles Corner Boulevard, Herndon, VA 22071.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Sprague, Acting Director, Funding and Financial Management Division, Office of Public and Indian Housing, Room 4216, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 451 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20410-0500; telephone (202) 708-1872 (this telephone number is not toll-free). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Secretary of HUD has established the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation to negotiate and develop a proposed that would change the current method of determining the payment of operating

subsidies to public housing agencies (PHAs). The establishment of the committee is required by the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1996 (Pub.L. 105-276, approved October 21, 1998) (the "Public Housing Reform Act"). The Public Housing Reform Act makes extensive changes to HUD's public and assisted housing programs. These changes include the establishment of an Operating Fund for the purpose of making assistance available to PHAs for the operation and management of public housing. The Public Housing Reform Act requires that the assistance to be made available from the new Operating Fund be determined using a formula developed through negotiated rulemaking procedures.

II. Negotiated Rulemaking Committee Meeting

This document announces a meeting of the Negotiated Rulemaking Committee on Operating Fund Allocation. The next committee meeting will take place as described in the **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

The agenda planned for the committee meeting includes the development and review of draft regulatory and preamble language; and the scheduling of future meetings, if necessary.

The meeting will be open to the public without advance registration. Public attendance may be limited to the space available. Members of the public may make statements during the meeting, to the extent time permits, and file written statements with the committee for its consideration. Written statements should be submitted to the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION** section of this notice. Summaries of committee meetings will be available for public inspection and copying at the address in the same section.

Dated: December 15, 1999.

Harold Lucas,

Assistant Secretary for Public and Indian Housing.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

30 CFR Part 931

[SPATS Nos. NM-037-FOR and NM-039-FOR]

New Mexico Regulatory Program

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, Interior.

ACTION: Proposed rule; reopening and extension of public comment period on proposed amendment.

SUMMARY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing receipt of revisions pertaining to two previously proposed amendments to the New Mexico regulatory program (hereinafter, the "New Mexico program") under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA). The revisions for New Mexico's proposed rules pertain to timing of backfilling and grading; definitions of "material damage" and "occupied residential dwelling and associated structures"; design criteria and inspection requirements for impoundments and spillways; adjustment of bond amount for subsidence damage; ground cover requirements for lands to be developed for recreation and shelterbelts; other transportation facilities; and review criteria for improvidently issued permits. The amendments are intended to revise the New Mexico program to be consistent with the corresponding Federal regulations, incorporate the additional flexibility afforded by the revised Federal regulations, and improve operational efficiency.

DATES: Written comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., m.s.t., January 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: You should mail or hand deliver written comments to Willis L. Gainer at the address listed below.

You may review copies of the New Mexico program, the amendment, a listing of any scheduled public hearings, and all written comments received in response to this document at the addresses listed below during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. You may receive one free copy of the amendment by contacting OSM's Albuquerque Field Office.

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